

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 23-37 are pending in the application.

By this Amendment, claims 23, 27-28, 32-33 and 37 have been amended and claims 26, 31 and 36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 23-25, 27-30, 32-35 and 37 would be pending. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Entry and consideration of the Amendment are requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 23-24, 28-29 and 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nam et al. (US 6,138,163) in view of Guedalia (US 6,536,043). Claims 25, 30 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nam and Guedalia in view of Segur (US 6,212,550). Claims 26-27, 31-32 and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nam and Guedalia in view of Kalajan (U.S. 6,202,156).

Claim 23, as amended, is directed to a relay apparatus for delivering video stream data from a server having an image sensing device to clients via a network. The apparatus includes a connection management device, a memory control device and a deliver device. The deliver device is adapted to deliver the video stream data stored in the buffer memory via the network. The deliver device is further adapted to determine whether the deliver device receives requests each from the first and second clients during a predetermined period, and to deliver the same video data of the video stream data to the first and second

clients in case that the deliver device receives the requests each from the first and second clients during the predetermined period.

The cited reference Nam et al. (U.S. 6,138,163) discloses a relay server relays between a plurality of networks to which a user's device and a video server are connected.

The cited reference Guedalia (U.S. 6,536,043) discloses a database which stores a scalable data.

The cited reference Kalajan (U.S. 6,202,156) terminating the communication path established between a server and a client after a predetermined time period has been elapsed.

However, the cited references are silent about determining whether the deliver device receives request each from first and second clients during a predetermined period. Therefore, these references clearly fail to teach or suggest to deliver concurrently the same video data of the video stream data, which has been stored in the buffer memory, to the first and second clients in a case that deliver device receives the requests each from the first and second clients.

Accordingly, claim 23 and its dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination. For similar reasons, claim 33 and its dependent claims are also believed to be distinguishable over the same.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

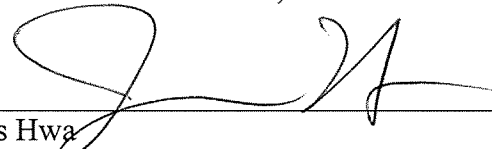
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4473US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4473US1.

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